

Northfield Open Space Committee

Minutes - Oct. 24, 2013

Town Hall – Auditorium

Items in italics require action prior to next meeting.

Present: Joanne McGee, Sue Ross, Jenny Tufts, Jerry Wagener, Chair. **Absent:** Mike Barry, Kate Rossiter.

Guests: Nick Fleck, Conservation Commission; Bill Ames, Agricultural Commission

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm.

1. **Master Plan Draft Open Space Goal:**

Sue explained that Martha Lyons, consultant, Master Plan, requested that Sue lead a discussion with the Open Space Committee and others to review the draft open space goal submitted by the Master Plan consultants. The committee reviewed the goal statement, key points, key recommendations, opportunities and challenges of Goal 1.0: To promote preservation of open space and natural features. The goal includes eight strategies and a number of action steps. The committee questioned the wording and presentation of the strategies and suggested changes. *Sue will incorporate the changes to send us for our comments and then to Martha Lyons.*

2. **Trail signs:**

Jerry presented four options, samples, and prices for trail signs and boundary markings that use the design from the town flag. The committee decided to order 500 of the full-color markers, measuring 3 ¾ by 3 ¾, enough to cover the boundaries of the Town Forest, Brush Mt. Conservation Area, and King Philip's Hill. Joanne graciously gave up her request to have the properties individually named on the markers. We will wait to decide on trail signs to be placed at the beginning of trails until later.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. during the second inning of the second World series game.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McGee, Secretary